the promotion of application of electronics including microprocessor technology in the areas of Agriculture, Medicine, Mines, Industrial Controls etc. Appropriate support is given in the Plan mechanisms. The Department of Electronics has launched two projects namely Microprocessor Application Engineering Programme (MAEP) and Appropriate Automation Promotion Programme (AAPP) in bringing awareness and technology development in the above sectors. The MAEP has six centres in the country to promote Microprocessor Applications in service sector, communication, railways, agriculture, test and measurement, medical electronics and steel.

DOE has set up an Implementation Advisory Committee on mining electronics to oversee the promotion of electronics in coal mines as well as in Metal mines.

Diversion of India Zircalloy to Pakistan by NTG

2536. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1733 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the clarifications from M/s. NTC Nukleartechnik Gmbh (NTG) of Federal Republic of Germany regarding diversion of India zircalloy to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the follow-up action taken so far and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Although M|s. NTG have given a preliminary clarification, and full details are yet to be received. Meanwhile the Government of Federal Republic of Germany have also launched investigations into illegal exports of nuclear materials from FRG.

Constitution of District Planning Boards

2537. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Planning Boards have been constituted in all over the country;

(b) if so, the type of work entrusted to these Boards;

(c) the details of members of the Boards;

(d) whether any specific instructions have been issued by the Planning Commission to the District Planning Boards; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Almost all the States have constituted district level Planning Boards.

(b) The main objective is to secure people's participation and provide guidelines for preparation and finalisation of District Plans.

(c) The members are Members of Council of Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Chairmen of Panchayat Samities, representatives of voluntary organisations, technical experts etc. The collector of the district generally functions as its Member-Secretary.